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GERMANY.

(By the Dutch Correspondent of the
"London and China Express.")

In the next session of the Reichstag
war credits will be requested. It is not
intended to issue further new war loans.
Three Turkish Princes have started
under the lead of the Turkish Ambassador
in Berlin for the headquarters of the
Emperor.

The "Deutsche Juristen Zeitung"
announces that up to Nov. 1, 1914, 1,520 lawyers
were killed in the war, 3 professors, 97
law functionaries, 85 notaries, 107 Tri-
bunal assessors, 12 Tribunal practitioners,
155 procurators, and 70 administrative
clerks.

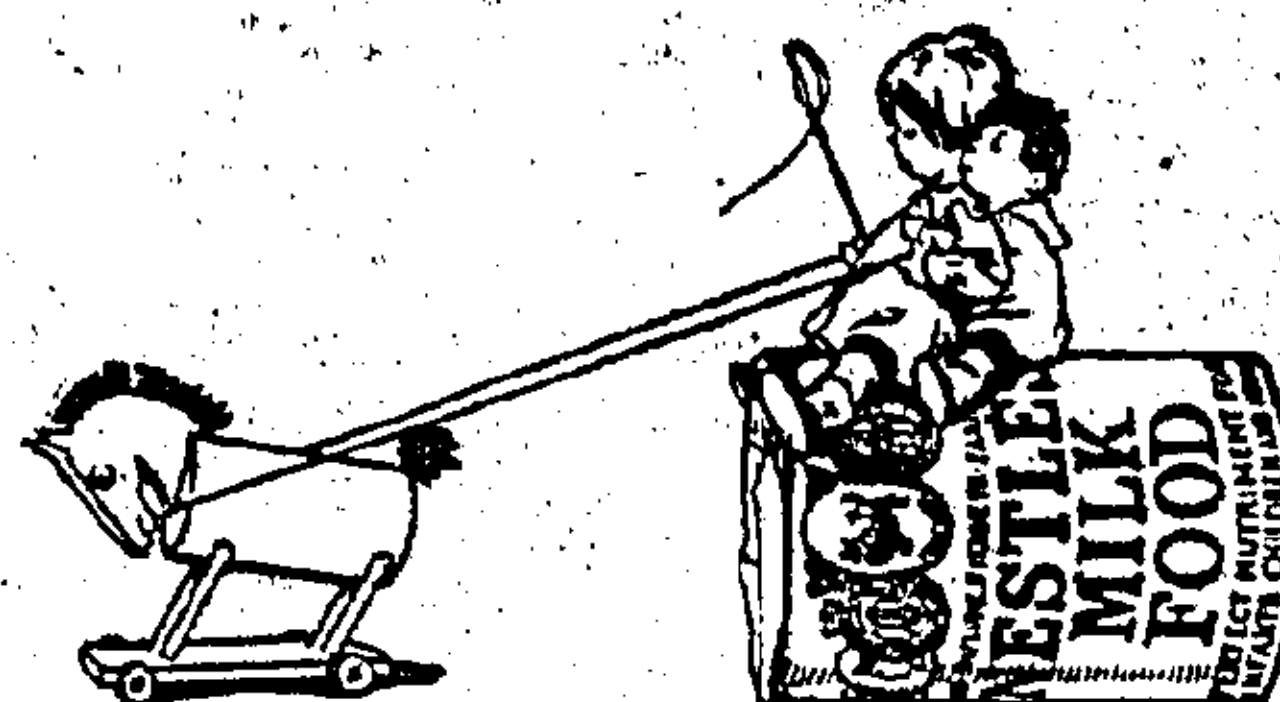
"Vorwärts" reports that the German
Metallworkers' Society has issued out a
payment to about 150,000 inactive labourers
during the first nine weeks of the war,
notwithstanding that on Oct. 8
about 162,000 members were in arms.
The percentage of the inactive labourers
of the Textile-workers' Society amounted
to 15 per cent. in September, being
200,000 men. The growing scarcity of
certain metals is causing some uneasiness.

Despite the fact that all export of gold
from Germany has been prohibited, the
German Government has granted a
special dispensation in the case of a
despatch of 12,000,000 in gold to the
Danish National Bank, on the ground
that the exchange of German banknotes
has been daily falling since the war broke
out.

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dividend of 12 per cent. as compared
with 14 percent last year. The capital
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GEORGE E. ANDERSON,
American Consul General,
Hongkong, December 23, 1914. 1340

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fighting the 13 Army Corps which the
Kaiser sent to back their way into North-
ern France have completely failed to
carry out their mission. The military
correspondent of The Times is led to ask
what the German Command will do
next? What is the German Command?
We know what it was in the days of the
old Emperor William. He reigned, but
Moltke governed. The present Em-
peror's character is different from that
of his grandfather, and, as for the new
Moltke, he has but little of the great
Moltke's ability and prestige, and no-
thing at all, of course, of his experience.
There are also in the field whole re-
tained and cavalries of Kings, Princes,
and governors, who are probably occupied in
criticizing the plans of their superiors
and in demonstrating how much better
they could do things themselves. Then
there is the Chancellor in the field, von
Jagow, and representatives of the State
Department, all of whom desire to have
their word; and on the whole the Great
General Staff is sincerely to be pitied.
The Austro-German Command is suffer-
ing, as of yore, from too much Archduke,
and is likely to suffer more as time goes
on. German strategy has been poor.
It has never long continued in one stay.
It has shown signs of diversified counsels.
It has not, after three and a half months
of war, gained a single decisive victory.
It has still the bulk of its active troops
clawing and biting at the Allies in the
west at a moment when the main and
unbeaten Russian Armies, in numbers
unparalleled in modern war, are massed
upon the eastern frontiers of Germany,
with the will and the means to traverse
them. Moltke—the great Moltke—
would be back on the Rhine in the west,
but such a decision is not to be expected
of the present German Command, which
is mainly governed by military pride.
It will go back to the Rhine when it is
obliged, and not before. It dares not
evacuate Belgium, even though Silesia
be humming with Cossack swarms. It
regards Belgium as a magnificent con-
quest; and while it is alone in this con-
ception, it will never admit, by a re-
treat, that its whole strategy is bank-
rupt. So the long line 300 miles and
more will be maintained. When the
Dobrobojsky Guards are approaching
Putnam and some Cossack Ataman
is riding through the Brandenburg Gate,
the ultimate German Landsturm will
still be found breaking their necks upon
the granite lines of the Western Allies.
The offensive? Why should we take
it? The present arrangement suits us
very well. The more the morrier in
the West, and each new Army Corps
that comes from Germany to try its
luck in Flanders is one corps the less
at the decisive point. The present line
is longer than any we can invent with-
out stepping into the sea, and the longer
the line the greater must be the Ger-
man force, and the greater also German
exhaustion. A German retreat to Ant-
werp, Namur, and the line of the Meuse
would mean a shorter line. Shorter,
again, would be the line of the Rhine,
with the lower reaches withheld from
us by a German-defended line from Aix-
la-Chapelle to Cologne, such as has al-
ready been prepared. We might do
worse than stay where we are till the
spring, harden up our defences, cover
them with obstacles, and allow the Ger-
mans to continue their costly tactics as
long as they please. We have been out-
numbered partly because the Russian
main armies have not hitherto come into
play, and partly because Germany had
long prepared, and neither we nor France
were adequately prepared for an offensive
campaign. By General Joffre's admir-
able and prudent strategy, during the
past two months we have worn out a
large part of the German troops, while
we ourselves, and France also to a cer-
tain extent, have not yet been in a po-
sition to produce a military force in pro-
portion to our population and resources.
These things will change materially in
the course of the next three months or
so if we keep on hardening up our lines,
filling up the gaps, and increasing the
number of our heavy guns. Glad though
we still be when France and Belgium
are cleared of the enemy, the Allies
have the guns in their hands. If Russia
and England continue to form a magnet
for the German steel filings, and if

Russia, steadily piling up her troops
month by month, takes advantage of
the false direction of the German Armies
and of the stonewalling tactics of General
Joffre.

We may say that whatever deteriora-
tion there may be in the material now
being drafted into the ranks of our
army, it must be admitted that the
Prussian war machine, acting on a nation
previously inured to the sternest dis-
cipline, has obtained the most remarkable
results. The Germans have up to the
present time been able to deliver re-
peated blows with fresh men when re-
quired and where required, and to con-
centrate large forces in different direc-
tions. It is true that a considerable
proportion of the masses recently thrown
into the field against the British has
consisted of hastily trained and immature
men; but the great fact remains that
these ill-sorted levies have not hesitated
to advance against highly-trained troops.
In spite of lack of officers, in spite of
inexperience, boys of 15 and 17 have
faced our guns, marched steadily up to
the muzzles of our rifles, and have met
death in droves, without flinching. Such
is the effect of a century of national
discipline. But they could not get
through, and the higher command, un-
able to make any impression with the
corps of new formation, called up the
troops to give the finishing blow. Fresh
and rested they paraded before the
Kaiser, on which occasion the appearance
of the regiments was described as ma-
jestic, and high hopes were set upon
their appearance in our front. They
attacked us with conspicuous gallantry,
and in spite of heavy punishment pen-
etrated our advanced line. Counter-
attacked immediately by our war-worn
regiments, they were put to flight, and
there cannot be left very much of these
historic regiments, of which the oldest
dates from 1888. If the 2nd and 3rd
Divisions and the Garde-Schutzen bat-
talion think that they can do any better
they will meet the same fate, and then
the famous Prussian Guards will all have
had cause to remember British troops.
This defeat of the best troops of Prussia
in Flanders will be severely felt in Ber-
lin, where all the officers are well known,
and it will contribute not a little to
confirm the impression that the campaign
is lost.

NINE VICTORIA CROSSES.

Official Stories of Valour.

Nine thrilling deeds of heroism for which
the V.C. is recommended were recounted
in a supplement of the "London Gazette,"
issued on November 15.

THE HEROIC NINE.

Captain Francis Octavius Grenfell, 9th
Lancers.

For gallantry in action against unbroken
infantry at Andregmes, Belgium, on
August 24, and for gallant conduct in
a sally to save the guns of the 119th
Battery, Royal Field Artillery, near
Douchin the same day.

Captain Douglas Reynolds, 37th Battery
Royal Field Artillery.

At Le Cateau, on August 26, he took up
two teams and limbered up two guns
under heavy artillery and infantry fire,
and though the enemy was within 100
yards he got one gun away safely.

At Pisseloup, on September 9, he re-
connaitred at close range, discovered a
battery which was holding up the advance
and silenced it. He was severely
wounded September 15.

Captain Theodore Wright, Royal Engineers.

Gallantry at Mons on August 23 in at-
tempting to connect up the lead to de-
mure a bridge under heavy fire; although
wounded in the head he made a second
attempt. At Valley, on September 14,
he assisted the passage of 5th Cavalry
Brigade over the position bridge and was
mortally wounded whilst assisting wound-
ed whilst assisting wounded men into
shelter.Lieutenant Maurice James Deane, 4th
Battalion Royal Fusiliers.

Though two or three times badly
wounded, he continued to control the
fire of his machine guns at Mons on
August 23, until all his men were shot.
He died of his wounds.

Capt. Harry Sherwood Ranken, Royal
Army Medical Corps.

For tending wounded in the trenches
under rifle and shrapnel fire at Haut-
vesmes on September 16, and on
September 21 continuing to attend to
wounded, after his thigh and leg had
been shattered. (He has since died of
his wounds.)

Battery Sergeant-Major George Thomas
Dorrell (Regt. No. 12343) (now 2nd
Lieut.), D. Battery, Royal Horse
Artillery.

For continuing to serve a gun until all
the ammunition was expended after all
officers were killed or wounded. In spite
of a concentrated fire from guns and
machine guns at a range of 600 yards, at
Nery, on September 16.

Sergeant David Nelson (Regt. No. 34419)
(now 2nd Lieut.), L. Battery Royal
Horse Artillery.

Helping to bring the guns into action
under heavy fire at Nery on September
1, and while severely wounded remaining
with them until all the ammunition was
expended, although he had been ordered
to retire to cover.

Corporal Charles Ernest Garforth (Regt.
No. 7368), 10th Hussars.

At Harnignies on August 23, volunteer-
ed to cut fire under fire which enabled
his squadron to escape. At Dammartin
he carried a man out of action. On
September 3, when under machine fire, he
extricated a sergeant whose horse had
been shot, and by opening fire for three
minutes enabled the sergeant to get
away safely.

Lance Corporal Charles Alfred Jarvis
(Regt. No. 3976), 57th Field Company
Royal Engineers.

For great gallantry at Jouppe on
August 23 in working for ninety minutes
under heavy fire in full view of the
enemy, and in successfully firing charges
for the demolition of a bridge.

THE GERMAN SPIRIT.

Famous Musician's Reply to a Protest.

The Academy of Musicians, Munich,
having written to Mr. Camille Saint-
Saens a letter expressing astonishment
at his attitude in "encouraging hatred
against Germany and her artistic cul-
ture," the famous French musician has
forwarded a stinging reply, across, as he
says, "the river of blood and mud which
separates us."

"I can have no sympathy," says M.
Saint-Saens, "for a people which treats
signed treaties as scraps of paper; which
destroyed at Leipzig priceless treasures
entrusted to it by France and England;
which ruined without necessity marvels
respected alike by time, by the wars of
the Middle Ages, and by revolutions;
which massacres women and children;
which throws back civilization to the
most barbarous times and which impu-
dently declares its intention of enslaving
three-quarters of Europe."

"I wrote some years ago, 'formerly
Germany was loved, but now she is feared.'
Today she is hated and execrated.
She has well deserved it."

THE TSINGTAO MONUMENT.

A New Inscription.

The "Asahi" remarks that the dis-
posal of the monument erected by the
German authorities to commemorate the
occupation of Kiaochow Bay has been
occupying the attention of the authori-
ties of the Japanese expedition. The
monument, which is erected on Daddich
Hill, is carved in stone, in which is in-
laid a granite slab inscribed with a poem
composed by the German Emperor.

At first Major-General Yamanashi,
Chief of the Staff of the investing army,
suggested that the granite panel should
be taken off and a stone with an inscrip-
tion "Occupied by the Japanese Army
on November 8, 1914," should be sub-
stituted, or, as an alternative, that the
German inscription be left untouched and
an inscription "Capitulated on Novem-
ber 8, 1914," should be added. It has
been decided that the German panels
shall be taken off and a new panel in-
serted with an inscription "November 8,
1914," leaving room to add appropriate
words, which, naturally, cannot be de-
cided upon until the Government makes
its final decision on the disposal of Kia-
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(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE WAR.

THE UNITED STATES AND
"TRADE INTERFERENCE."THE OPERATIONS IN FRANCE
AND BELGIUM.

SEVERE STORM IN ENGLAND.

THE UNITED STATES AND "TRADE
INTERFERENCE."

Dec. 20, 4.50 p.m.

Reuter's Washington correspondent learns that the United States Government has sent a long Note to Great Britain insisting on an early improvement in the treatment of American commerce by the British fleet and warning the British Government that such feeling has been aroused by unwarranted interference with trade. The United States Government feels compelled to ask for definite information of Great Britain's attitude in order to protect the rights of American citizens.

Numerous specific cases of seizures and detentions of cargo are cited. The Note declares that the representations are made in a friendly spirit, but the United States Government considers it best to speak in terms of frankness lest its silence should be considered an acquiescence in a policy which has infringed the rights of American citizens.

The chief difficulty, the Note adds, is the moral effect of the practice on American exporters, who are restrained from taking risks which should not surround the legitimate trade of the United States with other neutral countries.

The Note is practically intended for all the Powers in the Triple Entente.

The Note adds that with reference to the detention of American ships at sea the Government cannot tolerate undue delays in examining or conveying them to British ports for detailed examination and argues that proof of the hostile destination of the cargo must be evidenced at the time of the search at sea. Presumption of guilt should rest with neutral shippers, and the burden of proof must be imposed on the belligerent interfering with the ship.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

LONDON, Dec. 29, 4 p.m.

The Paris evening *communiqué* states:—On the evening of the 28th inst., a violent storm prevented operations over most of the front, but we made some progress in Argonne.

BOMBARDMENT FROM THE LYS TO THE SOMME.

Dec. 29, 5.25 p.m.

Another *communiqué* states:—In Belgium our troops carried the village of St. George's and established themselves.

The enemy somewhat violently bombarded our positions from the Lys to the Somme.

Calm prevails in the district to the north-west of Roye.

In Argonne we gained some ground.

At the Bois de la Grurie, Bois Bolente and the Bois Courté Chaussee the German counter-attacks on the heights of the Meuse were repulsed.

We recaptured trenches to the west of Apremont after three successive counter-attacks in Upper Alsace.

We are closely investing Steinbach, following a violent action, and we have also seized the ruins of a chateau to the north-west of the village.

(Official Telegram from French Government via Peking.)

GERMANS YIELD 800 METRES OF FIRST LINE TRENCHES.

Circular No. 115.—In Belgium the Allies progressed to the west of Lombray. We are at the foot of the sandhills, where Germans have established their first and strongest line of resistance.

The Germans in Lens region were obliged to yield, near Carney, 800 metres of trenches in the first line.

In Artois, after a fierce bombardment, they threw, at Laboisselle, numerous shells and delivered a counter-attack but the French troops brilliantly repulsed it.

In Alsace there was intermittent cannonading and also in Champagne regions.

Slight progress was made on all the front west of Perthes and on the heights of Meuse.

Germans bombarded St. Die station wounding slightly four people. The railway traffic is uninterrupted.

A German counter-attack north-east of Steibach (Upper-Alsace) was repulsed, with very heavy losses for the Germans, who abandoned part of their positions, to the north-west of Cernay. They left on the battlefield at this town nearly 200 corpses and also arms and ammunition.

(British Foreign Office Telegrams.)

THE ENGAGEMENT NEAR CUXHAVEN.

FURTHER DETAILS.

The Admiralty announce that on 24th instant German warships lying in Schilling Roads off Cuxhaven were attacked by seven British naval seaplanes. The attack was delivered at daylight, starting from a point in the vicinity of Heligoland. The seaplanes were escorted by a light cruiser and destroyer force, together with submarines. As soon as these ships were seen by the Germans from Heligoland, two Zeppelins, three or four hostile seaplanes and several hostile submarines attacked them. It was necessary for the British ships to remain in the neighbourhood in order to pick up returning airmen, and a novel combat ensued between the most modern cruisers on one hand and the enemy's aircraft and submarines on the other. By swift manoeuvring the enemy's submarines were avoided and the two Zeppelins were easily put to flight by the guns of the Undaunted and Arcturion.

The enemy's seaplanes succeeded in dropping their bombs near to our ships, though without hitting any. The British ships remained for three hours off the enemy's coast without being molested by any surface vessel and safely re-embarked three out of seven airmen with their machines. Three other pilots, who returned later, were picked up according to arrangement by British submarines which were standing by, their machines being sunk.

Six out of seven pilots, therefore, returned safely. Flight Commander Francis E. T. Haxell is, however, missing. His machine was seen in a wrecked condition about eight miles from Heligoland, and the fate of this daring and skilful pilot is at present unknown.

The extent of the damage by the British airmen's bombs cannot be estimated, but all were discharged on points of military significance.

BY TELEGRAPH.

BRITISH BOMBS DROPPED ON GERMAN AIRSHIP.

On Thursday last Squadron Commander Davies of the Naval Air Service visited Brussels in a biplane for the purpose of dropping 12 bombs on an airship which was reported to contain a German *Parseval*. Eight of these bombs, of which six are believed to have hit, were discharged at the first attack and the remaining four on the return flight. Owing to the clouds of smoke which arose from the shed the effect could not be distinguished.

SEVERE WEATHER IN ENGLAND.

Houses Collapse At Clapham.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

This has been the wettest December on record. It culminated last night in a very fierce gale and fall of snow.

Three houses were wrecked at Clapham, one person being killed and three injured. Many casualties are reported in the country. A terrible sea is running in the English Channel.

GERMANY AND THE AMERICAN CONSULS IN BELGIUM.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

A Washington telegram reports that Germany has formally notified the State Department that American Consuls in Belgium must be acceptable to the German military authorities and that it is desirable that some Consuls should be withdrawn temporarily.

LONDONERS WARNED AGAINST AN AIRCRAFT RAID.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The Naval and Military Authorities call the attention of persons using the streets to the danger of fragments of shells and bullets from guns that may be used against hostile aircraft attempting to raid London. Civilians are warned to keep under cover, preferably in the basements of houses on hearing the sound of firing.

THE ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL
PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual prize-giving in connection with Ellis Kadoorie School (Hongkong College) took place in the hall of the school this morning. The prizes were presented by Mr. R. E. O. Bird, the new headmaster, who was supported by Mr. Ellis Kadoorie, Mr. Lau Chi Pak, Mr. John C. Fletcher, the present headmaster and Mr. John Smith.

THE HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

In making his report the Headmaster said: This has been a broken session in more ways than one; but the results in the last examination have nevertheless been very satisfactory. At the examination in July I had to complain of the Arithmetic all over, the per cent. obtained being only 59, during the last six months this subject has had special attention and the per cent. in this examination was 65. There is still room for improvement and I hope to hear of it in the next report. The results in English subjects were good all over and the only subjects that fell below 85 per cent. were Algebra 62 per cent. and Geometry 57 per cent.

There have been a number of changes in the staff and on this account the boys in the upper classes have not photographed just justice in the matter of teaching. The three upper classes have had a change of teachers five times since February. Before March there were no Oxford Local Classes and on this account there were very few boys entered. Five boys in Class 3 entered for the Preliminary examination and of those four passed, this is highly creditable to them and their teacher at that time, Mr. Smith.

Attendance.—The highest average attendance was 739 in March and the lowest 518 in November. In April there were several cases of plague reported among scholars and this caused a severe loss of about 200 boys.

Discipline.—The discipline of the school has been good all over and I have had nothing to complain of during the whole year.

In connection with sport, the school had a number of swimming picnics on Wednesday afternoons during the summer and an all day picnic to Aberdeen on Dragon Boat Day. These were very well attended.

Two volleyball teams were formed in the school at the beginning of the year and a great deal of enthusiasm has been shown in this game. The senior team did very well in the volleyball league being only beaten once. A football team has been formed since the cold weather began and ought to do something as there is plenty of good material. Sports were held at the race course yesterday and were I am sure you will all agree a great success, our thanks in this being due to Mr. Smith.

I have to thank the staff, English and Chinese, for their assistance and co-operation during the time I have been here.

I wish to introduce to you Mr. Bird who will be your Headmaster after the New Year. You will find Mr. Bird a very fine headmaster. I am sure, and I want you, both teachers and boys, to help him in every way you can.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Mr. R. E. O. Bird said: Mr. Kadoorie, Mr. Lau Chi Pak, Mr. Fletcher, teachers and boys, it is a great pleasure and a great honour to me to have this opportunity of meeting you and giving away the prizes. Those of you who have been successful will I know, treasure these prizes and look back with pride on the year when you won them—the year of the Great War. Those of you who have

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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE
AT WUCHOW.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WUCHOW, Dec. 28.

A serious fire broke out here yesterday morning, resulting in considerable damage being done. It appears to have originated near the Chain-Drum Bridge and to have rapidly spread westward to a large Confucian temple.

About 150 shops and dwelling houses were destroyed. For some time it was feared that the Baptist church would be involved in the flames, but it fortunately escaped. Up to the present we have not heard of any loss of life.

worked hard and yet not gained prizes I would remind that to deserve success is the greatest merit a man can have. Good work done in school is never wasted. The brain is like a muscle. When once it has been properly developed and is kept regularly exercised we can make it do what we want and it grows stronger with regular use. However I know well that one of the great virtues of the Chinese is industry. I hope it will remain so and that this school will be one of the power houses of this quality. I hope that many of us will meet again and that we shall spend in this school many pleasant and profitable hours. Our best interests are the same and I hope we shall all of us remember this: You wish to fit yourselves to take up positions in the world and to give satisfaction to those who employ you and so climb up the ladder of life. I, too, am naturally anxious that you should succeed and reflect credit on your education and I feel sure that whatever heights you climb up the ladder you will always remember on whose foundation that ladder rests.

Those of you who are leaving I should like to say a few words. Owing to the generosity of Mr. Kadoorie and many of the leading Chinese in Hongkong, you have been able to be educated in this fine building with every advantage. I feel sure that you are grateful to Mr. Kadoorie for the good work he has done in the cause of Chinese education. Now I hope you will show your gratitude by continuing to take an interest in the school which educated you. There is still another higher way to prove your gratitude and that is to prove yourselves as character and behaviour worthy of the education given to you. To those of you who are coming back I should like to say that an excellent staff has been appointed, each one of whom is anxious to make his work a success and I feel that if you come back resolved to do well not only in work but in play and with a wise use of your leisure hours a great future lies in front of this school.

THE TRANSFERRED OR NEW SCHOOL.

Mr. Lau Chi Pak referred to the fact that this was the last occasion on which he and Mr. Kadoorie would attend a prize-giving in that school in their capacity as managers, and it was a matter of pride and satisfaction to them to be able to say on the eve of transferring the school to the Government, that it was being transferred in a state of efficiency that reflected the utmost credit on all who had been connected with it.

(Applause.) In welcoming Mr. Bird he wished to remark that if he and his staff and students worked with the same hearty co-operation as had been the case in the past (and he had no doubt on that score) the school would do very well and the results would be as excellent as those which had attended the most recent examination. They would believe him when he said that no one would watch the progress of the school in the future with more interest than Mr. Kadoorie and himself. (Applause.) In bidding

good-bye he wished to express his hope that the old staff and the new would have all the good fortune they deserved and that the school would continue to prosper. (Applause.)

The proceedings terminated with cheers for Mr. Kadoorie, Mr. Lau Chi Pak, Mr. Fletcher, and Mr. Bird.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

MORE TROOPS FOR SZECHUAN.

PEKING, Dec. 30.

Chan Van, the newly appointed Governor of Szechuan, will take 5,000 troops with him to that province.

NO POLITICS FOR
MAGISTRATES.

The magistrates throughout the country have been expressly prohibited from joining any political societies.

TSINGTAU OPENED.

Tsingtau was opened on the 23th. The authorities announce that merchants will be especially welcomed.

MAHOMMEDANS' ACCUSATION.

Mahomedan representatives have accused Ma On Leong, Commander of Kansa province, of cruelly oppressing and killing members of their faith.

GAMBLING ALLOWED.

The Police Department announces that gambling will be allowed during entertainments on the first five days in January.

NEWS FROM HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, November 26.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

Taking a survey of the war as it has progressed, Lord Kitchener in the House of Lords yesterday was in cheerful mood. The Germans had been quite unable to make headway against the British forces transferred to the north of France and Belgium and their road to Dunkirk and Calais is still barred. To the Indians Lord Kitchener paid high tribute, as indeed everyone does who knows what they are doing. I have a friend, a Frenchman, who is serving as an officer interpreter with the Indians and both he and his parents are proud indeed to be associated with the famous fighting men of the Eastern dependency. Especially distinct in his mind with the way the Indians go out from time to time and come back with all the sentries of some German camp nicely trussed up with cords. The Germans have learned to fear these stealthy foes above all their enemies.

As to recruiting, Lord Kitchener is quite satisfied with the 30,000 or so who come forward every week, and he says he will make it well known when more are wanted. But for the present, at any rate, according to other statements made in Parliament, we are not to have conscription. There is a great outcry because only one volunteer responded to appeals made on football fields last Saturday, but I think it quite probable that many replied to the appeal at a later hour. The *Pall Mall* *Gazette* has stopped publishing football news, and I hear that all the daily papers except one agreed to do the same, but the fact that one holds out keeps the others from setting to the same effect as the *Pall Mall*. On the other hand, there are a good many who believe this crusade is being pushed too far, and they point for justification to the fact that the keenest question put to new comers at the front by the men in the trenches is for news of this and that football team. There are a good many men kept back at home because employers consider they are doing as much as possible in keeping places open for men already gone without loss of pay. Those who are now remaining, they contend, are serving their country by keeping trade moving. These men, it is claimed, should not be deterred from football as relaxation from their daily work. But it does seem that public opinion is against professional football for this season.

ONE OF THE V.C.'S.

Lieutenant Dimmer, who worked his machine gun till it was blown up and he had wide gauge shrapnel fragments in his face and three bullets in his shoulder, heard of his V.C. when lunching at Boulogne and almost fainted at the sight of the news in the paper—this first intimation. His mother lives at Wimbledon, and he is there now resting up, for though he wanted to get back to the front the doctors decided he needed more treatment and quiet for a while after his violent experiences.

The Lieutenant is a very small soldier for the British army, but he is as keen as mustard on his work and did good work here, in Belgium and in Germany while still a non-com. So good was he that those who knew him decided he was fitted to be an officer, but he was too smart to please the aristocrats who then commanded his regiment and they peremptorily refused to recommend the recognition of his work by the award of a commission.

This came to the ears of a very progressive army M.P., a few years back, so he interviewed the young non-com. on one or two occasions and then went to the War Office and told the then War Secretary that unless the commission was granted he would ask in the House why it was being withheld. So presently the commission was granted. After that Dimmer served in West Africa, but when the war broke out he was among the first to get to the scene of hostilities in France. The confidence of the ex-M.P. has been abundantly justified, and I happen to know that the V.C.'s achievements have been a considerable solace to him now that the news of his progress has been brought to his sick bed.

A DOG YARK.

Private Brown of the 1st North Staffordshire Regiment and something of a shoddy the other day when he dismounted at the front and was immediately greeted by a terrier dog with every demonstration of joy. The dog seemed to be wonderfully like "Yark," the dog he had left behind at Hammonds in charge of his wife, so he rubbed his eyes and felt that the strain must be affecting his nerves. But all the tests spoke reality, and the dog was never in doubt at all—a fact that he gave utterance to with all his force. So far as can be told, Private Brown, some other troops, who did like his master, and managed to get across to the front, where by a strange coincidence fortune led him right to the place where his loved one was.

"Yark" yarked Private Brown, he said, mingling and finding me. It is quite settled down with me, and I have made him a coat out of some of our old great coats, which will keep him warm. He is the pet of the regiment.

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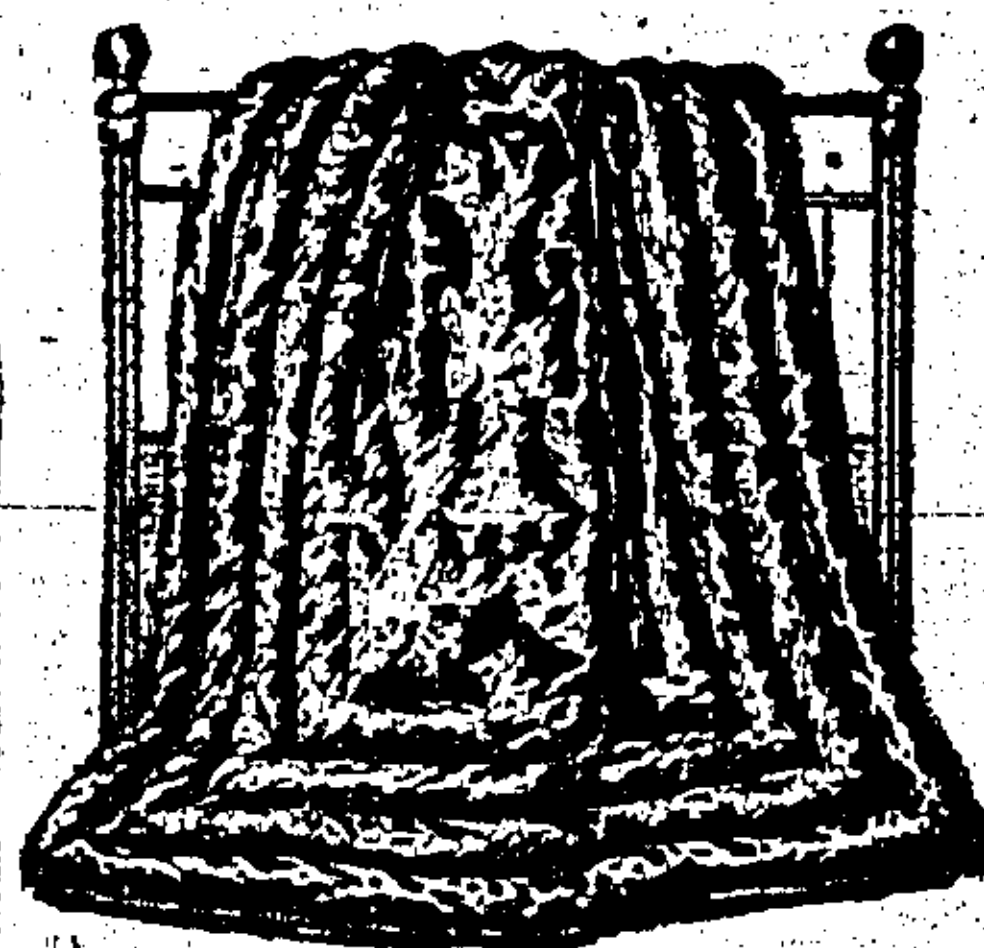
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2 do	Old Brown Sherry,	Quart	
1 do	Old Tom Gin,	Quart	
1 Phial	Pomeranian Bitters,		

No. 2 Hamper.

1 bottle	Victor Clicquot Champagne,	Quart	
1 do	Martell's XXX Brandy,	Quart	
2 do	Perfection Whisky,	Quart	
2 do	Rich Old Port,	Quart	
2 do	St. Julien Claret,	Quart	
1 do	Vino de Porto Sherry,	Quart	\$22.00
1 do	Peppermint, G.F.,	Small	
1 do	D.O.M.,	Small	
1 do	Old Tom Gin,	Small	
1 Phial	Pomeranian Bitters,		

No. 3 Hamper.

1 bottle	Burgundy,	Quart	
1 do	Peppermint,	Small	
1 do	D.O.M.,	Small	
2 do	Rich Old Port,	Quart	
2 do	Perfection Whisky,	Quart	
1 do	20 years old Brandy,	Quart	
1 do	Amonillado Sherry,	Quart	
2 do	Medoc Claret,	Quart	
1 do	Old Tom Gin,	Small	
1 Phial	Pomeranian Bitters,		

No. 4 Hamper.

2 bottles	Perfection Whisky,	Quart	
2 do	Medoc Claret,	Quart	
2 do	Port,	Quart	
1 do	Rich Old Port,	Quart	
1 do	20 years Old Brandy,	Quart	
1 do	Peppermint,	Small	
1 do	Cherry Brandy,	Small	\$18.00
1 do	Old Tom Gin,	Small	
1 Phial	Pomeranian Bitters,		

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